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Hello,

My name is Lee Tabor, and I live in Victorville, California. This is my opinion. What follows is an abridged version of an email I sent to Paul McLane, Editor in Chief of Radio World US.

I am a subscriber XM Radio. I love it. If it is true that allowing XM and Sirius to merge would truly be a monopoly, then why is the National Association of Broadcasters complaining so vociferously?

I'll tell you why. It is because the true competition of satellite radio is terrestrial radio. If it weren't the case, then why is the NAB complaining so much.

I don't hear automakers complaining; that is because they don't compete with satellite radio.

I don't hear cigarette manufacturers complaining; that is because they don't compete with satellite radio.

I don't hear Wal-Mart complaining; that is because they don't compete with satellite radio.

Broadcasters should be honest, because it is too easy to see through their logic. The NAB has no interest in what is best for anyone outside of themselves, yet they claim they have the best interest of all Americans at heart. We subscribers are not as stupid as the NAB takes us for, and we know what we want. If free terrestrial radio is so good, and so good for America, then why is it that 15 million of us are willing to pay for what we could have for free. It is because terrestrial radio sucks, and it is also clear that the NAB is terrified of satellite radio, because it truly is their competition.

On the other hand, if this merger is allowed to go forward, then the new company should be made to honor its commitment it made to its subscribers:

1. No commercials on the music channels.
2. Pricing for XM or Sirius service which is presently available at \$12.00 per month to remain fixed, or to be reduced as a result of a more efficient company for a period of 10 years. Thereafter pricing be allowed to rise based on Government set inflation adjustments thereafter at 5 year intervals.
3. Availability of a la carte pricing, with a baseline price of \$5.00 per month for 5 channels, with the choice of channels allowed to be changed monthly for a \$5.00 additional service fee.

Thank you for considering my opinion,  
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